An ACCOUNT of the

BESIEGING

The CASTLE of *EDINBURGH*,

Kept by the

Duke of Gourdon,

Together with the manner of the Surrender thereof, On *Thurſday* the 13*th.* of *June.* 1689.

ON *Thurſday* Night after my Writing to you, there were a great many *Bombs* ſhot off the South Trench towards the Caſtle, which did no great Hurt there, one of which being ſomewhat ſhort, fell into one of the Suburbs called *Portsbrught*, which did a great deal of Harm to a Baker, by abuſing all his Bread, Meal, and other things, and hit a Man very ill on the Back, which may tend very much to his hurt, and Burn'd the Houſe; and the Night after there was another *Bomb* ſhot, that by the Combuſtable Compoſition of the Powder and falling on the next adjacent Houſe, Burnt it: Likewiſe another *Bomb* being Poyſoned and ſhot into the Caſtle, fell into their *Well*, and hath Poyſoned their Water, which I believe, will be the firſt means to cauſe him to Surrender.

The ſame day there was a great many *Bombs* ſhot againſt the Caſtle, as likewiſe Guns from the Battery, which hath torn ſome part of the *Half Moon* and *Counterſcarp*; and what hurt elſe they have done, we cannot as yet give an Account, but ſure not without conſiderable Loſs.

The Duke of *Gordon* ſeems to be very angry at the loſs of the Men that deſerted him, which I mentioned in my laſt, by firing ſmall Shot down upon the Town, and his playing very hard upon all the Trenches and Batteries, by reaſon of their being called in before the Council, and have declared ſome things that doth not pleaſe him, and will tend much to his hurt, and Diſcovered ſome of them that gave him private Intelligence, and do ſtill, ſince the City hath been in a poſture of Defence.

One Captain *Young*, who belongs to Major General *Mackay* with 300 of the new Levied Men, hath Defeated the *Maclans* and *Macdonalds*, although their Number were twice as many, by ſinking of two Boats and Killing 40 on Land, and put all the reſt to Flight.

From *Inverneſs* it is reported here, that a Scout Party of the Viſcount of *Dundee* came to Surprize *Mackay*, thinking to have found him Napping, but his Scouts being likewiſe out, they were deceived, and were handled warmly by *Mackay*, and two Gentlemen Killed, *viz.* one *Jimes* of *Corkſtoun* and *Kinaird* of *Coulbin*, but how many more we know not.

This day by Beat of Drum, there was a Proclamation throughout the City, for all Perſons that would be pleaſed to Enter into a New Company that the Town will have to be Setled beſides their Trained Bands, conſiſting of 130 Men which are to have due pay; and before the 8*th.* Inſtant they will be Compleated.

Tueſday night and *Wedneſday* night, they ſhot a great many Shots from the Caſtle upon the new Batteries that lye upon the North-ſide of the City; ſome Souldiers out of which gives an Account, that there was three or four Kill'd and ſeveral Wounded,

This Night there is a *Sconce* made at the upper end of the Town, neareſt to the Caſtle, which we believe will do harm to the Caſtle, and the Caſtle to the Town.

A *Yatch* arrived at *Newport Glaſcow* upon *Clyde*, from *London-Derry* on *Sunday*, which brings the News of the Landing of Colonel *Kirk*'s Men, being three Regiments, they deſcending by the Fort of *Kilmore*, by the *Iriſh*, and the raſing of the Siege of *Derry* is confirmed.

It's ſaid the Late King *James*'s Forces are drawing a pace down toward the *North*, and the Places about *Balfaſt* and *Craig fergus* are filled with Souldiers, and more coming every day.

Friday June 7. This day arrived here an Expreſs from *Kintire*, with the Confirmation that I mentioned in my laſt concerning the *Highlanders*; and further adds, That there were five Boats Sunk, and three Taken, with the greateſt part of their *Clans*, who were bringing over Men to Land here from *Ireland*; and two Frigots belonging to *Scotland* continue Cruiſing on the *Weſt* Seas, to hinder the *Iriſh* Landing in *Scotland*.

It is reported, that *Mackay* hath Blow'd up the Wood in which the Earl of *Dundee* is lying,

and we hourly expect Intelligence of their Meeting each other; but it's thought that *Dundee* will not Fight *Mackay*, although it's reported he hath about 3000 Foot, and 300 Horſe; but what is his deſign, it is not known, but we ſhall have to Morrow a more full Account.

On the *19th.* of *May* there was a great Contribution gathered at the Doors of the Meeting-houſes, and on *Sunday* laſt at the Doors of the Regular *Clergy* Churches, for the Subſiſtance of the *Iriſh Proteſtants*; at which Doors there was a great deal of Money received, but was not diſtributed amongſt them till *June* the *8th.* when the Lord *Provoſt*, *Baliffs*, *Counſellors* and *Deacons* of *Craft* thought it fit that they ſhould have Succour out of the ſaid Contribution, for which cauſe the *Provoſt* and *Baliffs* hath thought fit this day by Beat of Drum to cauſe a Proclamation to be made through the Street to call all the *Iriſh* Proteſtants to come and receive Money accoording as their Circumſtances are, *viz.* They that have Wives and Children, and more eſpecially they that have had Fortunes there, with the *Proviſo* that they bring their Teſtificates with them; which being done, they will get as much as either will Tranſport them, or keep them here untill they be in a Capacity to do for themſelves.

There was this day ſome Souldiers Killed in the *South* Battery, and likewiſe ſome Wounded, who were carried home from the Camp on Horſeback to their Quarters.

Clovers is ſaid to have (by an *Expreſs* this Night come to Town) about 3000 Foot, and 300 Horſe, but would not as yet Fight *Mackay*. By the *Glaſcow* News we have our laſt aſſerted, about the Sinking of the *Birlins*.

Monday 10. Our *Northern* Letters gives an Account, that *Mackay* finding he could not get the Viſcount of *Dundee* and his *Highland* Forces to deſert a Wood wherein he commonly made the Place of his Refuge, *Mackay* wrote to Colonel *Ramſay*, and told him, that he intended to take the Flying part towards the Low-Countries, as if he had been afraid of *Clover*'s Horſe, but he did it on purpoſe to draw him from that Strength that he had in the Wood; but the *High landers* thought he had Fled, and ſo purſued him, which when *Mackay* found, he called a Council of War, and immediately it was condeſcended that he ſhould Fight *Clovers*, which accordingly was done; and in the mean time Colonel *Ramſay* got between *Clovers* and the Wood, *Mackay* Charged on the Front, beating in his outer Guards, diſperſed many of his Foot, and hath Killed and taken many of them, together with his Page, Sumptar, Horſe and Baggage, and other Proviſions: He immediately Fled with a ſmall Party of Horſe, and Colonel *Ramſay* is in Purſuit of him; and likewiſe there are ſeveral Letters found upon his Page, in which is found out, that there has been a private Correſpondence betwixt ſome of the Commanders that belongs to *Mackay* and *Clovers*, and they that have done it are taken and put under an Arreſt; and *Gordon* of *Ingleſſay* Hanged 14 of *Clovers*'s Men that ſtaid behind for Pillage.

This day there was by a City Marſhal Condemned two Perſons, the one Lieutenant *Hay*, and a Woman in the Name of *Cunningham*, for Correſponding with the Duke of *Gourdon*.

This ſame day one Mr. *Bruice* a *German* and *Roman Catholick*, who hath Reſided here this long time, and did bring in the Water to the Town of *Edinburgh*, hath been in Priſon this Month paſt, but laſt night he went out of the Priſon without any Keys, and went to a Houſe oppoſite to the Priſon and called for a Drink of Ale, and after he had received it, he went to Priſon again without any interruption; and then within an hour after, he coming down Stairs to drink in the ſame Houſe, he called at one of the doors of the Priſon to one Mr. *Bredie* to come out and take his Liberty, (he formerly being a Servant to the Earl of *Murray*) but he denied to come out; ſo he went by himſelf and took his Mornings Draught, and came back again to the Priſon being before and all the Wards Locked: The Man in whoſe Houſe the ſaid Mr. *Bruice* came to drink, did ſend in the Morning for one of the Magiſtrates of the City, who going into the Priſon with ſeveral Credible Witneſſes, did call for the aforeſaid *Bruice*, and Examined him by what means he got out and in to the ſaid Priſon, who told them, That there was no Lock nor Key made that could keep him in if ſo be that he pleaſed; upon which the Magiſtrates and Witneſſes asked him by what means he could do it; he deſired the keeper of the Priſon to Lock the Doors faſt and he would ſhew it them; which being done, he came to the Door and ſtruck it one blow with his Hat, and immediately the Doors fell open; after that the Magiſtrate ſaid, that he would lay him in Irons; to which he anſwered, that he did not value them, for he could break them in pieces.

June 13. This day the Duke of *Gourdon* Beat a Parley and ſet out a White Flagg, and after Communing, a Gentleman went into the Caſtle and paſſed the Centinals, who are ſecured and Condemned by a Court Martial.

The ſame Night the Caſtle was Surrendred, and Lieutenant Colonel *Mackay* entered it with 300 Fuzeliers, betwixt Eleven and Twelve a Clock at Night. The particulars of the Treaty was as follows; That he would Surrender the Caſtle upon Reaſonable and Honourable terms, But deſired to know whether he ſhould Treat with the Commanding-Officer, or with His Grace the Lord Commiſſioner? This being anſwered, he deſired an Honourable Capitulation, which was refuſed. and Anſwer returned, that he ſhould Surrender upon Diſcretion, to be diſpoſed of as His *Majeſty* thinks fit; which the Duke accepted of; and accordingly he and the whole Gariſon Submitted and laid down their Arms, and opened the Gates to receive Lieutenant Colonel *Mackay*; who are made Priſoners of War, to be diſpoſed of as His *Majeſty* pleaſes.

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